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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton Secretary of State 2201 C St NW Ste 7276 Washington DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

I write to bring to your attention an AP story which ran today about the content of textbooks being used at two Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA) campuses in northern Virginia.

According to AP, "While the Islamic Saudi Academy deleted some of the most contentious passages from the texts, copies provided to the Associated Press show that enough sensitive material remains to fuel critics who claim the books show intolerance toward those who do not follow strict interpretations of Islam."

This is the seventh time I've written the Department about this matter in less than a year and I have yet to receive a satisfactory response. ISA's direct link with the Saudi government is unquestioned. Under the Foreign Missions Act of 1982, the State Department is charged with overseeing all foreign missions in the United States. Continued inaction on the part of the department is inexcusable.

I await your response to my call for the Department to convene a panel of independent experts, including representatives of the bi-partisan U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, to definitively translate and interpret the textbooks and determine exactly what is being taught at ISA.

Best wishes.

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